THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (f) The Emigration Act, 1983 and Rules framed thereunder provide that 'to and fro air passage at the employer's cost' must be included in every contract for employment of an emigrant worker. The provision came into force with effect from 4.2.1987. Some representations have been received from the Recruiting Agents' Association in this regard. Emigration clearance was given to 1.70 lakh workers during 1988 as against 1.25 lakh workers during 1987. The provision is meant to protect the workers. The provisions in Asian countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Philippines, etc. also provide for to and fro passage at the employer's cost.

Schemes for Aged Persons in the States

1304. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States and also of the schemes (alongwith their outlines) being implemented for aged persons;

(b) the names and addresses of the homes for aged persons being run in various States and also of the voluntary organisations to whom Government is providing financial assistance for various types of such welfare activities; and

(c) under all the above schemes, what is the State-wise average expenditure on an aged person per month, and is it considered sufficient in spite of the continuous price-rise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments.

Third Wage Board's Report on Sugar Industry Workers

1305. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS DUPTA:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Report of the Third Wage Board for sugar industry has been received by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the representatives on Labour in the Board have disagreed with the major recommendations of the Board and given note of Dissent; if so, reason of the rejection of the report;

(c) whether the Sugar Industry workers all over the country observed one day protest strike on February 15, 1989;

(d) whether Government are aware of the widespread resentment of the workers against the report; and

(e) whether Government propose to discuss with the representatives of the National Sugar Workers Coordination Committee to resolve the issue of wage revision and other related matters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir, the recommendations of the Wage Board relate to wage scales, Dearness Allowance, Retention Allowance, Housing and other benefits. Two members of the Board representing employees have given their Notes of Dissent. Some associations of sugar workers gave notices for strike on 15th February, 1989 against the recom-